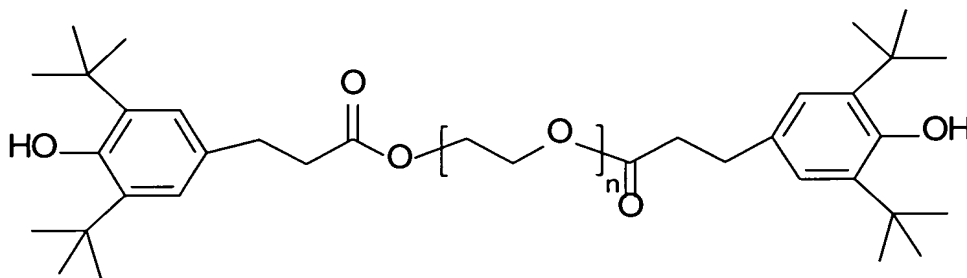


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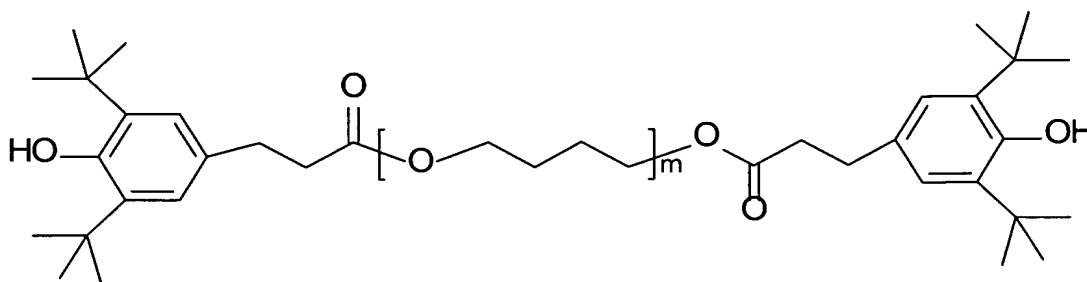
Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A mixture comprising an amorphous phenolic ~~stabilizers~~ stabilizer and at least one reducing agent, wherein the mixture has a color value with a Hazen number < 100 to DIN 53409 and comprises the following compound as a phenolic stabilizer:



the selection of n is such that, in the stabilizer mixture comprising the individual stabilizer molecules, the weight-average molecular weight of the stabilizer mixture is greater than the number-average molecular weight of the stabilizer mixture.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): A mixture comprising an amorphous phenolic ~~stabilizers~~ stabilizer and at least one reducing agent, wherein the mixture has a color value with a Hazen number < 100 to DIN 53409 and comprises the following compound as a phenolic stabilizer:



where ~~n~~ m is 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 or 10.

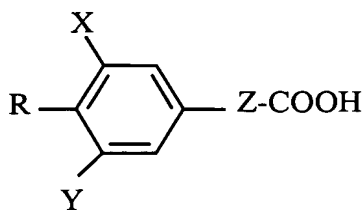
Claim 3 (Currently Amended): A mixture as claimed in claim 1, wherein the at least one or 2, which comprises, as reducing agent~~[[,]]~~ is at least one organophosphorus compound of trivalent phosphorus.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): A mixture as claimed in claim 1 ~~or 2~~, wherein the ratio of phenolic stabilizer to reducing agent by weight is from ~~10-000~~ 10,000 : 1 to 10 : 1.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): A plastic or lubricating oil or vegetable or animal oil comprising a mixture as claimed in ~~any of claims 1 to 4~~ claim 1.

Claim 6 (Original): A process for preparing phenolic stabilizers by esterification, transesterification, transamidation, and/or amidation, which comprises carrying out the esterification, transesterification, transamidation and/or amidation in the presence of at least one reducing agent.

Claim 7 (Original): A process as claimed in claim 6, wherein use is made of the following phenolic carboxylic acid or of a derivative of this carboxylic acid:



where

R is -OH,

X and Y, independently of one another, are hydrogen, or a straight-chain, branched-chain, and/or cyclic alkyl group having from 1 to 12 carbon atoms,

Z is an alkylene radical having from 1 to 12 carbon atoms.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): A process as claimed in claim 6, wherein ~~the~~ an alcohol used comprises at least one polyether with a molar mass of from 120 to 3000 g/mol.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): A process as claimed in claim 6, wherein the content of reducing agents in the reaction mixture for preparing the ester and/or amide, ~~preferably for preparing the phenolic stabilizer,~~ is from 0.01 to 10% by weight, based on the total weight of the mixture.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): A mixture comprising phenolic esters or phenolic amides ~~obtainable~~ obtained by a process as claimed in ~~any of claims 6 to 9~~ claim 6.

Claim 11 (New): A mixture as claimed in claim 2, wherein the at least one reducing agent is at least one organophosphorus compound of trivalent phosphorus.

Claim 12 (New): A mixture as claimed in claim 2, wherein the ratio of phenolic stabilizer to reducing agent by weight is from 10,000 : 1 to 10 : 1

Claim 13 (New): A plastic or lubricating oil or vegetable or animal oil comprising a mixture as claimed in claim 2.

Claim 14 (New): A process as claimed in claim 6, wherein the content of reducing agents in the reaction mixture for preparing the phenolic stabilizer is from 0.01 to 10% by weight, based on the total weight of the mixture.